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TO HIS
HIGHNESSE ⁶

THE
LORD PROTECTOR

From Captain

UNTON CROOK,

Signifying the totall Defeat of the
Cavaliers in the VVest, under
the Command of Sir

JOSEPH WAGSTAFE.

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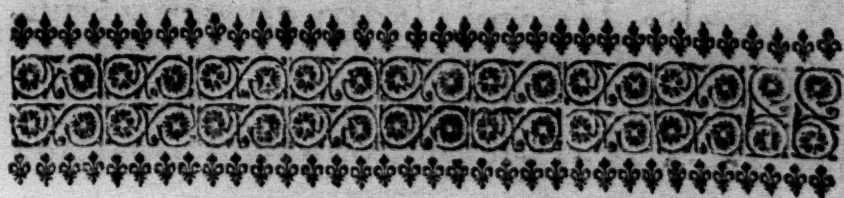
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May it please your Highness,

 Esterday morning, be-
ing Tuesday, I marched
with my Troop to Hun-
nington, being 15. miles
eastward frō Exon, with intention to

stop the Enemy from coming further VVestward; but gaining intelligence that they were come that way, and that they would be too strong for me, I made my retreat to *Exon*; the next morning I understood that they were in their march for *Cornwal*, and in order thereunto they were come to *Collupton*, within ten Miles of *Exon*, I heard they were much tyred, and there number two hundred, and therefore imagined that if they should gain *Cornwal*, it might be much prejudicial; I was resolved to hazard all that was dear to me, rather than let them have their End, and therefore marched towards *Collupton* with only my own Troop, I had no more for this service, but when I came near that place, I understood they

they were marched to *Tiverton*, whither I pursued them with all speed, but there mist them also, but received Information that from thence they were gone to *Southmolton*, twelve miles further, still in order for *Cornwal*; thither I resolved to follow them; they took up their quarters about seven of the Clock this night, and by the good providence of God, directing and assisting me, I beat up their Quarters about ten of the Clock; they disputed it very much with me in the Houses for more than two hours, firing very hot out of the windows; they shot seven or eight of my men, but none I hope mortally wounded, they shot many of my Horses also; but, My Lord, we broke open many Houses; some
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of them yeilded to mercy; I promised them, I would use my endeavours to intercede for their lives. I have taken most of their horses, about fifty Prisoners, amongst whom are *Penruddock*, *Jones*, and *Grove*, who commanded those Horse, each of them having a Troop. *Wagstaff* I fear is escaped, he was with them, but at present I cannot find him, yet hope to catch him as soon as Daylight appears. I will raise the Country to apprehend such Straglers, which for want of having *Dragoons* narrowly escaped me. My Lord, they are all broken and routed, and I desire the Lord may have the glory. I beseech your Highness to pardon this unpolisht account, I can hardly indeed write, being so weary with extream duty, but I hope
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by the next to send your Highness
a more perfect one, and a List of
the Prisoners, many of them I sup-
pose being very considerable. Co-
lonell *Shapcot* of this County was
pleased to march with me on this
Design, and was with me at the bea-
ting up of their Quarters, and hath
shewed himself wonderfull ready,
in every respect, to preserve the
Peace of this County. My Lord,
I remain,

May it please your Highnesse,

From *South Moulton*
March 15. 1655.
about 2. or 3. a
clock in the morning.

*Your most obedient, and
most humble Servant,*

UNTON CROOK.

